

such that when a user holds the holding means with said one hand, the palm of said one hand holding the holding means is also substantially perpendicular to the main body.

19. (New) The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

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a connector configured to connect the holding unit to the main body such that the holding unit is separated from the main body.

20. (New) The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

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connector means for connecting the holding means to the main body such that the holding means is separated from the main body.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended and Claims 17-20 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Young; Claims 5 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Young; and Claims 6, 7, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Young in view of Hartigan.

Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Young. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a portable electronic apparatus including a main body and a holding unit protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the

portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand. Independent Claim 8 includes similar features.

In a non-limiting example, Figures 1A and 1B illustrate a holding unit 3 protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body 2 for holding the portable electronic apparatus such that a user can hold and operate the portable electronic apparatus with one hand.

The outstanding Office Action indicates Young teaches a handle/controller for a handheld computer 1 including a main body 2 and a holding unit 4 protruding from the main body and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit and cites Figures 1, 2 and 3. However, as shown in Figure 2, for example, the handle/controller 4 does not protrude substantially perpendicular from the main body 2, but rather is parallel to the main body 2. Thus, when a user holds the handheld computer 1 via the handle/controller 4, the handheld computer 1 rests in the palm of the user's hands. That is, when a user holds the handheld computer 1 via the handle/controller 4, the palm of the user's hand is also substantially parallel to the handheld computer because the handle/controller 4 is substantially parallel to the handheld computer 1. Therefore, when the user operates the pointing device 5L or 5R and switches 6L or 6R, the handheld computer is likely to move when the pointing device/switches are operated.

This differs from the claimed invention in which the holding unit protrudes substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus. According to the claimed invention, because the holding unit 3 (see Figure 1B, for example), may be firmly grasped with the palm H1 ring finger F4 and little finger F5, the grip 4 and the main body 2 is not shaken or swayed when the thumb F1, the forefinger F2 and the middle

finger F3 are moved within their operating ranges. Therefore, the pointing device 10 and switches 11, 12 can be operated stably with the thumb F1, the forefinger F2 and the middle finger F3 while the grip is firmly held. In addition, a viewability of displayed information on the display unit is not decreased. In other words, because the holding unit is grasped with the palm H1, the ring finger F4 and the little finger F5 which are not directly involved in operations of the pointing device 10 and switches 11, 12, the other fingers are free to operate the pointing device 10 and the switches 11 and 12. Thus, the portable electronic apparatus is not shaken or swayed as discussed above (see page 4, line 21 to page 5, line 5).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent Claims 1 and 8 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably define over Young.

Further, regarding the additional rejections of the dependent claims noted in the outstanding Office Action, it is respectfully submitted Hartigan also does not teach or suggest the features recited in the independent claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested these rejections also be withdrawn.

In addition, new Claims 17-20 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and it is believed no new matter has been added. In particular, new Claim 17 recites that the holding unit includes a grip to be grasped at least with a palm of said one hand such that when a user holds the holding unit with said one hand, the palm of said one hand holding the holding unit is also substantially perpendicular to the main body. Claim 18 includes similar features. These features are shown in Figure 1B, for example. Claim 19 recites that the portable electronic apparatus includes a connector configured to connect the holding unit to the main body such that the holding unit is separated from the main body. Claim 20 includes similar features. This feature is shown in Figure 3A, for example. It is respectfully

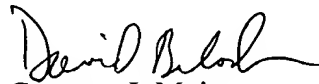
submitted the applied art also does not teach or suggest the features recited in new Claims 17-20.

In addition, the specification has been amended to correct a minor informality. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 15-19, as follows:

--According to the present invention, the pointing device 10 and switches 11, 12 provide similar functions as a [mousse] mouse. That is, right and left clicks in the mouse may be assigned to respectively correspond to the switches 11, 12 and moving the cursor may be assigned to correspond to the pointing device 10. Thus, the operability of the pointing device 10 and switches 11, 12 is the same as the mouse.--

#### IN THE CLAIMS

--1. (Twice Amended) A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having a display unit on a surface thereof; and

a holding unit protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus and including a pointing device and switches configured to be operated by a same hand holding the holding unit so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand.

8. (Twice Amended) A portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

a main body having display means for displaying information on a surface thereof;

and

holding means protruding substantially perpendicular from the main body for holding the portable electronic apparatus,

wherein said holding means includes pointing means for performing pointing operations and switching means for setting or canceling instructions given by said pointing means that are operated by a same hand holding the holding means so that the portable electronic apparatus is held and operated with one hand.--